

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Cancel~~ Claims 3 through 7, 27 and 28.

Claims 1, 11, 17, 22, 23, 25 and 26 have been amended in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows herein. Marked up copies of Claims 1, 11, 17, 22, 23, 25 and 26 are attached to this amendment.

Add new Claims 29 and 30 as follows herein after amended Claim 26.

1. (Amended) A method of making an article with a printed image thereon, said article comprising one of a portfolio, desk folder, binder, wallet, luggage tag, memo pad or keyfob, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a member formed of a flexible material and comprising at least a portion of a cover part of said article;

providing an image sheet of a flexible material to be bonded to said member;

printing an image on said image sheet on a first side thereof;

placing said image sheet in contact with said member at a second and opposite side of said image sheet;

bonding said image sheet to said member by pressing said image sheet to said member and applying RF energy to adhere said image sheet to said member; and

debossing said member to form an indentation therein while bonding said image sheet to said member in said indentation.

11. (Amended) The method set forth in claim 10 including the step of:

providing a textured surface of said image sheet prior to applying said coating on said image sheet.

17. (Amended) A method of making an article with a printed image thereon, said article comprising one of a portfolio, desk folder, binder, wallet, luggage tag, memo pad or keyfob, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a member formed of a flexible material and comprising at least a portion of a cover part of said article;

providing a sheet of flexible plastic material adapted to be receptive to multiple printed images on one side of said sheet of flexible plastic material;

transferring an image to be applied to said sheet of flexible plastic material to a processor;

causing said processor to control a printer for printing multiple images on said sheet of flexible plastic material;

cutting multiple image sheets from said sheet of flexible plastic material along predetermined contours of said images, respectively;

placing at least one of said image sheets in contact with said member; and

bonding said at least one image sheet to said member by engaging said at least one image sheet with a debossing die and applying RF energy to bond said at least one image sheet to said member.

22. (Amended) The method set forth in claim 17 including the step of:

laminating a flexible transparent sheet onto said sheet of flexible plastic material prior to cutting said image sheets from said sheet of flexible plastic material.

23. (Amended) The method set forth in claim 22 including the step of:

providing said sheet of flexible plastic material and said transparent sheet of polyvinyl chloride, respectively.

25. (Amended) The method set forth in claim 17 including the step of:

providing said sheet of flexible plastic material and said member of polyvinyl chloride.

26. (Amended) The method set forth in claim 17 including the step of:

applying an ink receptive coating on said sheet of flexible plastic material prior to printing images thereon.

29. (New) A method of making an article with a printed image thereon, said article comprising one of a portfolio, desk folder, binder, wallet, luggage tag, or keyfob, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a member formed of a flexible material and comprising at least a portion of a cover part of said article;

providing an image sheet of a flexible material to be bonded to said member;

printing an image on said image sheet on a first side thereof;

debossing said member to form an indentation therein;

placing a second and opposite side of said image sheet in contact with said member at said indentation; and

bonding said image sheet to said member at said indentation by pressing said image sheet to said member and applying RF energy to adhere said image sheet to said member.

30. (New) A method of making an article with a printed image thereon, said article comprising one of a portfolio, desk folder, binder, wallet, luggage tag, or keyfob, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a member formed of a flexible material and comprising at least a portion of a cover part of said article;

providing an image sheet of a flexible material to be bonded to said member;

printing an image on said image sheet on a first side thereof;

providing a debossing die and placing said image sheet on said debossing die

placing said member in engagement with said image sheet at a second and opposite side of said image sheet; and

bonding said image sheet to said member by pressing said image sheet and said member together while supported on said debossing die and applying RF energy to adhere said image sheet to said member.